## **Department of Motor Vehicles Response to Follow-up Question**

1. Representative Drake mentioned to me (Delegate Marshall) on Monday that Congress has tried to make available to DMV equipment that can assist with verifications on documents, but VA was not moving on this.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) law enforcement team did not refuse training equipment or cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). However, DMV did not enter into an agreement to train, equip, and swear in DMV special agents as federal immigration officers under the 287g program.

One of the problems with us entering into the 287g program is that ICE does not understand the nature of DMV's law enforcement efforts. ICE thinks that DMV has special agents assigned to and patrolling our 73 customer service centers (CSC's). Apparently, ICE believes DMV has agents scrutinizing the movement of people inside their CSC's.

In fact, DMV hires private security guards to monitor goings on in their larger CSC's. These private security agents control crowds and serve the personal security needs of their customers and employees.

DMV's law enforcement special agents spend most of their time on the road. They investigate vehicle titling issues, fraudulent documents, driver's license issues, and they inspect salvage vehicles.

DMV explained this misconception to the Attorney General's Office and to the Governor's Office. They believe it is one of the reasons the Governor chose not to accept ICE's proposal.